

dragged along for years. The case just naturally went by the board when the new state (W. Va.) went democratic in 1870, a new constitution adopted, and the rights of southern sympathizers restored. Captain Stofer was defended by Arthur Dayton. Mr. Dayton also successfully defended many other Confederate soldiers who were indicted for murder after the Civil War in Pocahontas County.

Pocahontas Times -- July 9, 1931.

They talk about the days of Reconstruction as being trying times. In my opinion the days of reconstruction dating from 1867 to the Reconstruction Act were not half so perilous to the continuance of the country as the two years from 1865-1867.

Here on the home farm, five sons showed up in 1865, and one had perished in the war. The instant need of things were rail fences, live stock, and a crop of corn. Like most soldiers all they asked or hoped for was a chance to get to work again. Instead they felt that they were under the shadow of serving time in prison for treason.

From- Pocahontas Times- Jan 16, 1930
By, Calvin Price. He has reference to the Price family - his father and five uncles.

In many families none of the sons returned as was the case in the Poage family. They sent two sons into the service, both were killed. From the Cooper family there were five sons enlisted. Two, George and Robert were killed. James lost an arm and the other two were wounded. Their names were John and Charles. And so it was with so many of the families.

Price History.

The new state was formed while a large number of the county militias were in the southern army. These "Rebels" represented, to a large extent, the landed property owners of Pocahontas county. When these returned from their service, it was to find much of their property demolished, their confederate money worthless, and in 1866 they were deprived of their right of vote.

In 1870 those persons who had been disfranchised were again given the privilege to vote, and the old County Court was reestablished as it had existed prior to 1863.

From - Index to Records of Poca County

In Pearl Buck's Book "The Exile" which is a story of her mother Caroline Stulting who lived at Hillsboro, she tells many things that happened in that vicinity during the Civil War. The Stultings were surrounded by slave owning families, yet they had been taught to have a horror of owning human beings, and since they owned no slaves felt they had no right of fight. Yet they were to loyal to Virginia to fight against her and so declared themselves neutral. This of course did not make them popular and there was some threatening murmur against them. Yet none of their neighbors came out openly against them. However there came a day when a band of southern soldiers came for the son Cornelius, who was an able bodied young man. When he refused to go they undertook to force him to go. They got him on a horse, but his mother clung to his leg and refused to let go. They were thus forced to let him go. He went to a cabin on Droop Mountain and for the two remaining years of the war lived there alone. He raised food and took it to his family at night. Therefore when the Little Levels was swept by the passing southern armies, when fields are devastated and barns and stores robbed, the Stultings had food.

Then there was the dreadful day when north and south met in the battle of Droop Mountain. Cornelius was forced to hide in a cave that day and when night came made his way home his clothes torn and his hands and bare legs badly scratched. But his little field was ruined by cannon balls.

She tells how for a short time after the slaves were freed, they hardly dared to stir abroad, and that Cornelius had to join th Ku Klux Klan for a while to get the freed slaves to let them alone. (So far I have not been able to find any reference to the K.K.K. in any other writings, but most of the slaves were in the Little Levels and they perhaps had an organization for a short time.)

She tells that the armies at first were gay and assured, then shaken and surprised, then vegeful and desperate, and at last despairing and vanquished. yet more dreadful than these were the armies of the victors, sweeping triumphant over the fertile fields, devistating conquerors.

When defeat was accepted, a fever to begin life was everywhere present. During these four years there had been no school as the men had been fighting and the women striving to keep the home together. Therefore, there had been no time to think of education, There were no shops nothing to be bought everything had to be produced at home.

From- The Exile - Buck.

Mr Paul H. Becker

I am sending you a list of the Old Soldiers of the Civil War I have been very careful in making up this list of the Companies , this is a record that is hard to find , in fact part of it is not in the records perfectly as I have it written up . One of the old Soldiers of Pocahontas kept a Diary of the Company "G " which he had printed a few years ago. And many of the facts that he had secured in his record are not in the Archives . And a few of the facts of the Records in the Archives mention a few things the Diary of the Old Soldier dont have .

By placing the two together they will coincide perfectly with the U.S. History This Roster of the Company "G" of the 31st Virginia Regiment is as near Authentic as any person of this generation can make it.

I hope that ^{these} this list of Companies will be printed as carefully as possible The Daughters of the Confederacy and of the Union , look to such records as the foundation of their Organizations .

Rosevelt W Brown

R.W.Brown (Research worker in Pocahontas

We hereby give the list of the Companies of the Confederate Soldiers of the County of Pocahontas that was organized at the out break of the Civil War; The first year of the War Company " G " of the Virginia 31st regiment was mostly composed of Volunteers made up of the citizens of Pocahontas which was organized at Greenbank with James Crawford Arbogast as Captain. the second year of the war , a few soldiers from the adjoining Counties were enlisted in the Company " G " . of the 31st regiment. This entire Company was made up of men that were 6 feet tall , with the exception of James Hughs and Robert Wolfenbarger.

This Company along with the Companies of Pocahontas County was in nearly all the principal engagements of the Civil War. Comany " G " was at Gettysburg with the 31st Virginia , under EUELLS CORPS, EARLYS DIVISION, Brig - General William Smith, s Brigade, who commanded the 31st Regt, 49th Va Regt and the 52nd Va Regt,

The Va , 31st Regt , was commanded by Col- John S. Hoffman of which 27 were killed

The 49th Va, Regt, was commanded by Col- Gibson , of which 100 were killed.

The 52nd Va, Regt, was commanded by Co- James Skinner of which 15 were killed.

The Company " G " of the 31st Va Reg,t didn,t hold together after the Battle of Spottsylvania , the encounter at the " Bloody Angle" which was May 12th 1864.

ROSTER OF COMPANY " G " 31st REGIMENT OF VIRGINIA C . S . A .

VOLANTEERS , (Made up mostly of Soldiers of Pocahontas County)

Compiled from the Muster and Pay Rolls from September 1st 1861, to Feb 26th 1864
on file in the West Virginia department of Archives and History.

Organized at Greenbank , and Mustered into service at Huttonsville, May 1861.
Enlistments at Greenbank, Laurel Hill, and Top Allegheny.

James Crawford Arbogast , Captain May 29th 1861.

James Crawford Arbogast was promoted to Major Vice. when J.H.Chenoweth was killed
at Port Republic June 9th 1862.

George W. Siple, 1st Lieut May 29th 1861.

James Franklin Gum, 2nd Lieut May 29th 1861.

Sidney Ruckma, 1st Lieut, May 29th 1861. Promoted from 2nd Sergeant, Command Co- 62.

C.B.Ruckman 2nd Lieut May 29th 1861, resigned Nov 14th 1862.

Elisha Wilfong, 2nd Lieut May 29th 1861, Commanded Company after Nov 1862-
was wounded at Gettysburg on July 3rd 1863.

John R. Warwick, 2nd Lieut, May 29th 1861, Promoted from 1st Sergeant, wounded
at Port Republic June 8th 1862. Prisoner June 19th 1864.

Non- Commissioned Officers.

William H. Hull. 1st Sergeat May 29th 1861. Wounded 12th of May 1864 (at the
" Bloody Angle " at Spottsylvania .

George W. Arbogast 2nd Sgt, May 29th 1861, Wounded Port Republic June 9th 1862 at
Port Republic, Killed Spottsylvania May 12th 1864 (in the Bloody Angle)

John W. Nottingham 2nd Sergeant May 29th 1861. Killed at Spottsylvania May 12 1864

Robert Wolfenbarger, 3rd Sergeant March 17th 1862. Wounded , and Prisoner Fort Steadman-
March 25th 1865.

William De Kerr, 3rd Sergt, March 17th 1862, Died at Staunton Nov 8th 1862.

Valentine Gillispie 4th Sergt May 29th 1861, absent after Nov 1862.

William Hughes 4th Sergt March 17th 1862.

John J. Hicks. 5th Sergt, May 29th 1862. Killed Port Republic June 9th 1862.

William Hicks. Corp May 29th 1861.

John P. Varner, 1st Corp Mar 17th 1862.

James W. Hughs 2nd Corp. March 17th 1862

Emanuel Wilfong, Corp May 29th 1861.

Milton Campbell 2nd Corp ~~1861~~ June 22nd 1861 , died of wounds nat White Hall, July 27 1862.

Henry Sheets ,Corp June 22nd 1861.

Jonas Wilfong 3rd Corp March 17th 1861.

George B. Arbough, 4th Corp , March 17th 1862.

Samuel G. Lindsey May 29th 1862. (4th Corp ,)

PRIVATE ENLISTED REMARKS ;

Bible, John A. May 29th 1861. died of wounds at June 9th 1862 at Port Republic .

Eoyer Leonard. May 29th 1861. Substitute for D.V Ruckman.

Burner Allen C. June 22nd 1861.

Beverage George W. May 26th 1861. Wounded at the Top Allegheny mountain Dec 13th 1861

Beverage William M.

Beard Joel E. June 22nd 1861 . Died Sept 28th 1861.

Carpenter Crawford , March 17th 1862.

Courtney Andrew J. March 17th 1862.

Carpenter Samuel, March 17th 1862. Died of wounds at Port Republic June 9th 1862.

Carpenter John M. March 17th 1862. Wounded at Hazel River Aug 22nd 1862., absent after Jan 1863 .Died from Disease.

Cassell George, March 17th 1862 , Died from wounds at Port Republic. June 9th 1862

Collins Charles March 17th 1862 .Discharged on account of his age.

Collins James March 17th 1862.

Collins William, ~~March 17th 1862~~ March 17th 1862 discharged on account of age.

Doyl Ele. March 17th 1862. Discharged on account of his age.

Erwin William E.

Doyl Joshua March 17th 1862 wounded at Port Republic June 9th 1862.

Gillispie Valentine , Killed near Romney 1863.

Galford John A. March 17th 1862. died of wounds Jan 13th 1863

Gillispie Beverly P. died of disease 1862.

Gillispie William May 29th 1861. Captured Sept 18th 1862 exchanged , but never returned to the Company.

Gum George. May 29th 1861.

Gum Robert N. May 29th 1861.

Gum McBride, May 29th 1861.

Gum James H. May 29th 1861.

Halterman Levi May 29th 1861 Transferred to Company "A" 25th Virginia Infantry.

Hamilton James G. May 29th 1861. Taken prisoner , exchanged again captured and exchanged was wounded May 5th 1864, at the Wilderness Battle .

Hevener Harvey May 29th 1861. wounded at Cold Harbor May 30th 1864.

Hicks, Charles B. May 29th 1861.

Hicks William E.

Hicks C.W. May 29th 1861.

Hicks John C. Killed Port Republic June 9th 1862.

Higgins James. May 29th 1861. Missing at Winchester July 19th 1864.

Higgins Samuel H. May 29th 1864.

Higgins John C. Died in Prison.

Houchin Charles H. March 17th 1862. Died of Wounds at Port Republic June 9th 1862.

Hudson Dallas, March 17th 1862. Killed at Port Republic June 9th 1862.

Hull Robert, March 17th 1862.

Hull Henry. March 17th 1862 Wounded Spottsylvania May 12th 1864. Prisoner Fort Steadman 1865

Hughes, J. W. March 17th 1862 taken prisoner , and exchanged.

Kerr George , March 17th 1862. Discharged on account of his age.

Kelly ,Cyrus J. March 17th 1862.

Lindsey, Robert D. May 29th 1862 wounded at the Battle of Port Republic.

Lockridge Robert C. March 17th 1862.

Lopez James A. May 29th 1862. Discharged on account of his age.

Long John, May 29th 1862. ~~Wounded~~ died of wounds Spottsylvania , May 12th 1864.

Long Henry March 17th 1862

Lafayette. March 17th 1862. died of wounds at Spottsylvania May 12th 1864.
McLaughlin James N. May 29th 1862.
McLaughlin Hugh, May 29th 1862. Wounded at Dummore July 25th 1862; taken Prisoner
at South Fork Pendleton County, exchanged at Vixburg.
McLaughlin Robert May 29th 1862. made prisoner at Point Lookout April 5th 1865.
McLaughlin Jacob, May 29th 1862 Killed Cedar Creek October 19th 1864.
Moore Charles L. March 17th 1862, Wounded Wilderness May 6th 1864.
Moore James C. March 17th 1862 Died of wounds at Gains Mill July 20th 1862.
Moore Mathias L. March 17th 1862. Wounded Wilderness Battle May 5th 1864.
Notting^{ham} John, May 29th 1862. Killed Spottsylvania May 12th 1864.
Nottingham Washington March 17th 1862. Discharged on account of his age.
Phillips George W. March 17th 1862; Wounded at Cedar Run Aug 9th 1862. returned to
Company Feb 1864, transferred to Company "F" 19th Virginia Cavalry.
Pugh Ira Ellis. March 17th 1862, Discharged on account of his Age.
Ruckman Samuel June 22nd 1861. died October 24th 1861
Ratliff John May 29th 1862 Died of disease 1862.
Ratliff Daniel, June 25th 1862.
Sharp Daniel June 25th 1862.
Shafer Andrew, May 29th 1862. Wounded at Spottsylvania May 12th 1864.
Sheals James, May 29th 1862. Killed at the Wilderness Battle May 6th 1864.
Spencer J Jack, March 17th 1862. taken Prisoner at Strasburg, June 2nd 1862.
Spencer James H. Prisoner at the Battle of the Wilderness.
Simons Jacob, June 22nd 1862.
Sutton George B.
Sutton John G. March 17th 1862. Discharged on account of his age.
Sutton Samuel J. May 29th 1862.
Slaten William W. May 29th 1861, Wounded October 3rd 1861 at Bartow.
Slaten Andrew J. Killed trying to pass Confederate Pickets at Top Allegheny Mountain. 1861
Sheets Andrew May 29th 1861.
Sheets Isaac, Died from wounds received on Top Allegheny Mountain. Dec 13th 1861

Sheets Jacob, May 12th 1861.
Swink Zachariah, March 17th 1862. Wounded at Spottsylvania. May 12th 1864.
Shaver Andrew J. Wounded Spottsylvania May 12th 1864.
Towsend William T. March 17th 1862.
Townsend Taylor. March 17th 1862.
Thomas John B. March 17th 1862. wounded Cedar Run, missing after Sept 1862.
Taylor Andrew J. March 17th 1862. taken prisoner parolled.
Taylor Jacob K. March 17th 1862.
Tracy George March 17th 1862. Discharged on account of his age.
Tracy James A. Sept 11th 1862. transferred from Co "F" 19th Va Cavalry Feb 24th 1864.
Tracy William March 17th 1862. Killed near Fairfax C, H, Sept 1st 1862.
Tacy James May 29th 1861. Died October 8th 1861.
Wolf, Phillip; May 29th 1861. Captured October 3rd 1861 at Battle Greenbrier (Barbow)
Wanless James May 29th 1861. Wounded at the Wilderness Battle May 5th 1864.
Warwick Peter H. May 29th 1862. Wounded at Port Republic June 9th 1862.
Wilfong Daniel March 17th 1862, Discharged on account of his age.
Wilfong Elias March 17th 1862. Wounded at Manassas.
Wilfong William G.
Wilfong John M. March 17th 1861 Wounded at Sharpsburg 1862.
Wilfong Henry.
Wilfong George M. March 17th 1861
Wilfong John Wounded at Port Republic June 9th 1862
Wooddell Warwick, March 17th 1861. Killed at Port Republic June 9th 1862
Wooddell Andrew J.
Wooddell Aaron, March 17th 1861 Died near Valley Mills May 1862.
Yeager Henry A. March 17th 1861. taken prisoner June 9th 1862, parolled at
Cross Keys, Wounded at Spottsylvania May 12th 1864 Prisoner March 25th 1865 Fort Steadman
Yeager William. April 2nd 1862 Det, Ser Trans July 5th 1862 Killed at
- Hatchers Run Feb 6th 1865.

RECORD OF EVENTS.

October 1861 James Crawford Arbogast Commanding : No date.

From the 31st of December 1861 , Feb 28th 1862 , Camp Allegheny , James Crawford Arbogast commanding; Aggregate 46 men. Major of Regiment having being killed June 9th 1862

J.C.Arbogast being the next Senior officer has been acting Major.

No date -- Lieut Ruckman Commanding - aggregate 63 men one Segt, 2 Corp, and 11 privates deserted . (Only missing at time of report)

Nov 2nd 1862-- Camp near Berryville , Lieut Elisha Wilfong commanding Company aggregate 54 men; 14 sick 25 on duty 7 on extra duty.

December 31st 1862 Camp near Front Royal 47 names on Roll
E . Wilfong Commanding.

February 1863 Camp near Port Royal , Elisha Wilfong Lieut Commanding aggregate 52 men , 26 fit for duty six on detached service.

May 30th 1863, Camp Buffalo Gap Lieut E. Wilfong commanding aggregate 52 men 8 sick , 2 absent , 2 on extra duty, 28 present fit for duty.

October 31st 1863, Camp 4th Va Brigade . John R. Warwick 2nd Lieut -commanding 38 aggregate 27 present for duty,.

Feb 29th 1864 Camp near Summerville Ford, Elish Wilfong 2nd Lieut commanding Aggregate 40 men 28 present for duty..

(It appears by the foregoing list of soldiers that there was a reorganization of the Company in the the beginning of the second year, it is a fact that some of the men enlisted in the first year of the war was enlisted in the same Company at a given date in the second year .

It must be understood that there was a great number of Confederate Soldiers who made their homes in after the Civil War in Pocahontas County who were enlisted in Companies out side of Pocahontas County, and by this fact is not enlisted in the Pocahontas County Companies.

COMPANY

" A " 62nd VIRGINIA REGIMENT Pocahontas County .

HENRY SMITH Captain (wounded at New Market)

J . M. SIPLE 1st Lieut.

G. W. SAULSBERRY 2nd Lieut .

W.B. HUDSON 3rd Lieut.

Argabrite , John.

Barnett , James,

Barnett, Thomas,

Beverage Levi, (wounded at Cold harbor)

Beverage Joseph,

Beverage Jacob,

Cassell George, (killed at Port Republic)

Crouch, Silvester,

Dean, William,

Fuller , Cronin,

Figgins George,

Ford William,

Ford Winford,

Foley John,

Friel William,

Friel John,

Galford, Dallas, (wounded at New Market)

Geiger Godfrey,

Geiger, John A.

Hebrick , Harvey,

Hiner , Horden,

Hiner James,

Howell, Leonard,

Jackson, Jackson (killed at Beverly)

Kessts., Peter,